

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3037

Introduced by

Representatives Warner, Nelson

Senator Heitkamp

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to review the North American Free Trade Agreement
2 and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and amend those portions of the agreements
3 that treat North Dakota agricultural producers inequitably or repeal the agreements in their
4 entirety.

5 **WHEREAS**, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on
6 Tariffs and Trade have created international trade zones for agricultural products; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on
8 Tariffs and Trade were to have opened up expanded trade opportunities and vast new markets
9 for our agricultural products; and

10 **WHEREAS**, neither the North American Free Trade Agreement nor the General
11 Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have been able to stop the flood of agricultural products from
12 other countries into the United States; and

13 **WHEREAS**, despite the existence of the North American Free Trade Agreement and
14 the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, North Dakota agricultural producers are
15 experiencing income reductions and economic downturns similar to the farm crisis of the early
16 1980s;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
18 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

19 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
20 review the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and
21 Trade and amend those portions of the agreements that treat North Dakota agricultural
22 producers inequitably or repeal the agreements in their entirety; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
24 resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture
25 Committees, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.